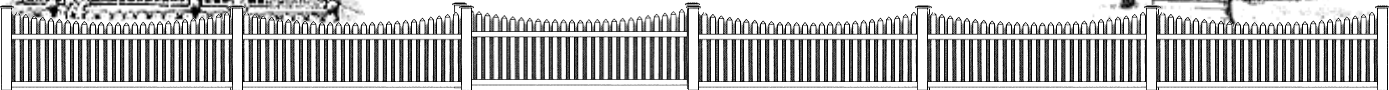




PORCH TALK

July 2010



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JULY LEAGUE NEWS



Note from the President:

HOMES PROPOSED AT FORMER SCHOOL SITE (PORT NORFOLK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

Did you happen to read the article in the *Virginian Pilot* on Wednesday, June 23, 2010 regarding the Portsmouth City Council adopting a Memorandum of Intent for the proposal to build 44 single family dwellings on the old Port Norfolk Elementary School (PNES) site?

Let me share with you the information I have and the Civic League's concerns regarding this matter. A concerned neighbor stopped to question the survey team while on site at the old school. He was informed the City property was being considered for 44 single family developments. After contacting the City, he found out the City had changed the zoning ordinance to allow for the construction and said the City had notified Port Norfolk and Lake Shores Civic Leagues. To my knowledge, Port Norfolk Civic League has not received any written notification of the City's intent.

Civic League Meeting

There is not a Civic League Meeting scheduled in July.

Further concerns to this proposal are the PNES site is located in a flood zone area and the school was built on a land fill. Additionally, Port Norfolk, like many communities across our nation, has an abundance of homes for sale and rental properties. Adding 44 more homes will depress our already depressed homes market. These new homes will be detrimental; not an asset to our community.

Members of the Lake Shores and Port Norfolk Civic Leagues were in attendance at the Council meeting to voice their disapproval to the home construction. City Council stated there will be meetings set up with the builder, Civic Leagues and Council members in the future. Additional information will be sent out to the Port Norfolk Community when and where these meetings will take place. If you are concerned, please attend the meetings.

—Phillip DeSiano, President
Port Norfolk Civic League

IN AN EMERGENCY— PLEASE CALL 911.

Port Norfolk's NEAT Officer is Portsmouth's Top Cop, Chris Gilmore. Please contact him if you see anything suspicious happening in the neighborhood. 757-235-5655

For Board member email addresses, visit our website at www.portnorfolk.org

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Reflection Walk

Our recent brick dedication for Reflection Walk was held Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 am. Attending the ceremony were members of the park committee, the Civic League and friends and family of those whose names were engraved on the bricks. We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful setting next to the water and even though it was hot there was a wonderful breeze.

Debbie Foytik opened with a brief explanation of the vision and purpose of the park. Then family and friends were encouraged to share their stories or memories of those they had come to honor, each unique and moving. A family who had lost their son one year to the date, a loving sister, and more sheared their hearts and rang the bell three times. It was a precious honor to be with these families as they celebrated the lives of those they love. We closed with prayer and light refreshments were served. Throughout our time together beautiful music was provided by Elaine Brinkley.

If you've never attended a brick dedication, I encourage you to come. If you are interested in purchasing an engraved brick for someone you want to honor, please contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164

The following bricks were dedicated:

Jeffrey M. Hosmon
The Joy of having a son is found in the
moments & memories that last forever.
3/8/78-6/26/09

Vicky Murza

Elizabeth T. Hogue
Wife Mother Pioneer
Faith Prayer Practice

Judy Tazewell

In Honor of Judy Valiovieso
The Best Wife, Mother,
Sister, Aunt & Friend

Paula Potter

In Memory of Tom Hornbeck
"Play On"
The Top Hat Orchestra

The Top Hat Orchestra

In loving memory of my sister Jean
Marilyn and Margaret
Jordan

Evelyn McLaughan

James H. Howard Sr.
1896—1960
Our Beloved Father

James N. Howard Jr.

The Park Committee is offering beautiful greeting cards, entitled — "Sights from Reflection Walk", these cards created by a local photographer are wonderful to have on hand for every occasion, 6 cards for \$20.00. Please visit the website—www.portnorfolk.org to view them in color. Contact Debbie Foytik at 397-7164 for more information.



Article submitted by: Judy Higgins

Birthdays



Wishing everyone who celebrates a birthday in July a wonderful day . . . Ralph Batten, Walter Bell, Martha Ann Creecy, Alton Harris, Sam Whitmore, Franklin Williams, and Blair Young.. Birthdays are obtained from the

League membership list. If you have someone who's special day you'd like to recognize, email publicity@portnorfolk.com.

Porch Talk Classifieds

Ads

New feature in Porch Talk, place an ad—sell your stuff—having a yard sale, a room to rent, provide child care or other services, looking for help —let us know. This offer is available to private party individuals who are residents of Port Norfolk and does not apply to businesses. Place your classified ad—maximum 4 line ad—\$10.00. Send your ad to porchtalk@portnorfolk.org or call Vicky at 647-3899.



Free Pond Fish

Pond Gold fish for free, many different colors. Port Norfolk pond, contact Luanne at cell 863-289-4376



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¼ Page..... \$70.
½ Page..... \$140.

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2010 Port Norfolk Civic League Membership Form

Name: _____ Birthday Month(s): _____
Address: _____ Park Donation: _____
Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Mail or take this form with \$5.00 for each membership to Gail Hoofangle at 2919 Adriatic.
Park donations should be mailed to Port Norfolk Civic League, P.O. Box 7114, Portsmouth VA 23707.